AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 8, as follows:

The invention also enables the user to receive search results more rapidly if the result is sufficiently conforming with the user preferences to be determined as a high priority. In this way, the user if provided with more relevant results faster. The user identity may be associated with one or more static and/or dynamic addresses. Examples of static/dynamic addresses include – an E164 (please explain what this is/means), and IP address, a telephone number for a facsimile, a pager number. Examples of a data source include any source of information which is available via the distributed computer system. The data sources is preferably running the special search software (module #3) for greater functionality and better optimisation optimization. In alternative embodiments the data source may comprise a web page.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 34 through page 12, line 6, as follows:

The invention also enables the search process to be performed more efficiently by including additional information provided by the user preferences in the search request and/or using additional information provided by the user preferences to remove less relevant search results which are returned to the enhanced SIP server prior to these results being forwarded to the user. The invention thus enhances the RFC (please defined this) functionality of the server software over the normal search software which a server may have.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 34 through page 13, line 2, as

follows:

Figure 3 shows steps which occur at an end user end terminal in a method of ~~method of~~

searching for data to be retrieved from a distributed computer system according to an

embodiment of the invention;